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### Spring Floods

They Are Full of Danger, but May Lead to a Steady Flowing Stream.

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Kate Winston society smiled. Bob betrothni, and Kate was considered the queen of firts. Everybody supposed the affair between them to be game on both sides and wondered which would come out winner. It was not believed that anything very serious

without being very much blamed Just what was the real intent with reference to each other of Bob Elliot and Kate Winston they alone knew. There was the usual skirmishing, with a proposal and an acceptance. Quite naturally after her betrothal Kate thus addressed her flance:

either, for both had the reputation of getting out of their entanglements

"I am much concerned. Bob. about this engagement between us. You see, it is a very serious matter for a girlike inyself, who has not yet seen much of the world, to give her heart to a man. I have been told that you have been engaged many timest and if this is true you must have caused a great deal of distress to a number of innocent girls."

"How about the distress those inno-cent girls have caused me?" "I thought you said I was the only

giri you ever loved."

Mr. Elllot, being thus thrown on his bean, ends, remained silent. He had nothing more to say in his defense.

"I don't think," continued Miss Win-ton, "that I should feel safe in ancient time has passed to determine whether you are triding or"—
"It's the real thing."
"Loss dippeas way of speaking of it

s not encouraging."
"To tell the truth, Kit, I am as much



ere going to stop where you a "."
"What do you mean?" bristing.
"I mean that it's no use for the pot to tall the battle black." your butterfly lightings or whether yo

Am I to infer from the stangy ex-

"Not at all; my reputation is all was a pane during which There was a paur litting which Miss Winston seemed . De turning the matter over in her n . L. Finally she

"I think this affa'r had better stop

right here."
"Come, come, sweetheart." taking her hand and putting an arm around her waist. "Suppose we stop fencing and speak the truth. We are neither of speak the truth. We are neither of us supposed by the world to be immarched in the matter of heart funting. Doubtless the devil in this case is painted blacker than he is, but where there is so much smoke there must be same tires. I have told you that I live you, that you are the only girl I have ever loved, and I mean it. Nevertheless sluce you have beard things to my discredit you should be fortified against their being prought up against me. In future. I confess I have nearly the same of you."

"Faitschoods."

Certainly, all false from beginning to end. Now, in order to clear out the brambles from the path before us so That we may walk on -well, on roses"-That's much alear than your other similes."

"Which one, for instance?"

The pot calling the kettle black."
He kissed her and proceeded,
"In order to clear away this accumuation of falsehood on both sides suppose we confess all our escapades from act to finish."

"That's a splendid idea,"
"West, suppose you begin."
"That's a splendid idea,"
"That's a splendid idea,"
"That's a splendid idea,"

led my plan." at have proposed such à plan if your conscience had been

"Kate!"

"Why don't you study law? You'd make a far belier lawyer than nine-

on't need to study law. We are born with enough law in our heads to serve our own purposes, and we don't want "Then you di

way, confession your past transgres-sions as well a 1?"

"No: I'll confess all, but I warn you that my sins are so slight that they are not worth confessing."
"I must be its judge of that."

"Oh, go on "Well, to begin at the beginning. there was that Miss Fitzbugh from Virginia. She was engaged to an army officer in the Philippines. undertook to make me believe that she had made a mitake, which she didn't find out till she met me.' "The horrid thing!"

"There was nothing in that. was

"Of course "Then followed Helen Blake und driven a ometry lad to drown himself. You wouldn't have had hang myself for her, would you?" ouldn't have had me "I wouldn't and if you had driver her to commit

"That's two. A widow got held of atention of marrying ould or not. Nor being od, I demurred. These me, whether I are the only s worth mentioning it only remain for you to give me a proceed with your wn record."

glad to know that "I'm awfully there is nothing in these reports after all, and I assu von there is no mor In those about So you may feel perfectly satisf

"Just so, but think I'd feet better if I had a detailed account of each one of them from your own sweet lips." He kissed the aforesaid lips seve at times, which de the confession "Ned Bissell

aforesaid lips seve at ultiless brought forth that followed:
as the first. He playis When we had playit down on a bench. ed tennis with us. When we had played awhile we set down on a beach. There was no do else there and—well, he did what he had no right to do—he

"What did you let him do that for?" Bow could help myself?" mes did be kiss you? Why, several times." "How many How many? A dozen?

No matter, since you couldn't belo Was that all there was to that at

"Didn't he p Well, yes. mid cut figure also

"Never mind my more about him How about the young lawyer?" "There was tothing in that to my discredit."

"Didn't you have him to go away for a postgradusic course?"
"I didn't do my such"— "Hold ou. 11 new an inthe

you are making in "It seems the confession, not nd make the rest of "Well, go on

yourself."
"There's only

"Who is that?" "Dick Canfiel "If what I fin beard about his co s true it was a

"Never mind of over it in ir putting a blight of he came is that would ugh life."

them, during which she snuggled eld

Sometimes I mink," she said at inst. "Sometimes I mink," she said at inst. "that when we at older we will realing the dangers though which we have passed in yout and wonder how we could have act if so. Then we'll have act if so, and are any year."

"But we won have any year."

reform, don't ye e; we won't be tempt "Of course we won't. We'll be wrap-ped up in each other and won't care enough for any one else to wish to filrt. I'm glad we have made these confessions. Yet see, it's an even thing between at You have been as

"I thought you exonerated me completely." "Did 1?"

"Did 1?"

This dialogue ook place betwee: 10 and 11 o'clock the norming Mr. tisses in the distribution of the hull and a his departure. The wondered them how he had been all to tear himself away. Ten years later the wondered have be could have span seven hours with one girl and what any had been talking about.

After her con leat to bed thrown off the that her sins was so would never As for Mr. ession Miss Winston celling that ane had ecklessness of youth, are forgiven and the to any more divise. Flot, he had known t flance's record than As for Mr. cillot, he had known much more of its fiancee's record than she had contested. It didn't trouble him a hit so lots as he was not one of the sufferers, for them he had no sympathy what er. It is a matter of happy record out these two sinners were blessed for more blessed than they deserved. Helr wedded life was happy, and they learly loved each other and their charge.

All of which a so to prove that those who safely passible dangers of youth may do well hit on.

shape of wars, strikes and panics. the poor old Southern cotton farmer never fails to get lightning struck. He is always in the storm center, it makes no difference from which direcout of the ordinary to boost the price of his product, but nine times out of ten the price of his hard labor goes

in the opposite direction.

For the past decade the army worm, the boll worm, the boil wevil, the caterpillar and the cotton gambler, with the consent of our National government have been attended. ernment, have been .-straddle" of the poor old fellow's neck and now in the midst of a great crisis, when the poor old goose that lays the golden egg is drawing the breath next to the last one, everybody is rushing forward in an effort to save the poor old thing's life, and well they might be. In this trying time we try to be an optimist, we try to see the bright smi shine beyond the dark cloud, but one thing sure, if the Southern cotton

planter he, to dispose of this crop at the present prices, there are hundreds and hundreds of them over this fair. Southland who have always been able to meet their obligations that will never be able to plant another crop.

With but a little over a haif crop

with but a little over a half crop in this section and the price cut in half, who is it, that can not see the hand-writing on the wall? We have never seen a better opportunity for a national democratic administration to come to the relief of the "Solid South", in sore distress, and unless it loes, mark our prediction, that you will never again cast a vote for the old party, and never having expected mything of the republicans, they will look to the socialist. We have alendy heard them talk. "A friend in ed, is a friend indeed," and if the co-operation of all who are interhing sure, if the suip in which he is ailing goes down he will not be the wily one to sink, and now, that the lections are all over, let's quit gaying and goring the defeated, for remember that we will vote again two series from now. ars from now.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Crouch, S. C., are spending a few da with the parents of Mrs. Crouch, Mr. nd Mrs. R. A. Breszeale, Mr. Crouch is a former Lebanon teacher, and he and his good wife have many a here who are always glad to

A new baby girl has arrived at the ome of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones and Bob" appears as happy as if colton was bringing twenty cents per pound.

the Ladies Rural Improvement Author of Lebanon, together with patrons of the school met on Fritte 18th, and cleaned off the sol grounds nicely, and gave the sol building a good scalding, tring, scrubbing and scraping, but course, as usual, there were those didn't come and a few had to dowork. The Ladies Rural Improved Association is doing more for inhuilding of the community liantything and every body elseown in a pile, and we trust that good men of the community will pil to give them all the help and ouragement possible.

Nettie and Mattie Richard have returned to Limestone at them went Miss Ruth Webb; th z Miss Webb's first se

Pred Harris has entered Fu University, and here's trackle fou'll make good, Fred, which se we know you will.

iss Blanche Datrympled to Anderson Colleg y friends predict for an

The many friends of Lieut Comio see him on his recent visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Richardson. We are all proud of Louis and are proud of his record, and where-ever he may cast his lot he can rest assured that he will have the love, esem and best wishes of the people of ar old Lebanon.

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